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DON'T FORGET THE PACIFIC WAR, TREADWAY CAUTIONS

Hamilton Treadway, Chief Electricians Mate, pens a word of caution from his Pacific outpost to his friends back in REA.

"While you plan for the future, don't forget we still have a war to win out here," he warns, "and if we all keep plugging 100%, we may do it in two years. If not, it may take 3 or 4. I want to be home in a lot less than two years. Don't let the good news from out here fool you. We still have a long way to go and the enemy is tough. We find that out every night."

GRUNER FINDS REA AUDITING EXPERIENCE USEFUL IN B-24

Flight Officer Leslie Gruner flies through the air in a B-24 over Europe, thankful that he was exposed to the experience he received back in REA's Finance Division under Allen Vardy.

"Being a Navigator on a B-24," he writes, "should keep me in shape for my postwar job -- all we do is aerial auditing. The log has to balance or else. From take-off to landing the navigator must know his exact position in reference to the ground expressed in degrees and minutes of latitude and longitude -- when you are flying above a solid undercast, it's a little rough. Without radar and radio aids, it would be impossible -- at night we use the sextant. We are constantly figuring headings, altitudes, air speeds, E.T.A.'s, wind shifts, etc., in order to hit the target.

"Prior to the take-off we look like men from Mars -- we wear more helmets, masks, goggles, electric suits, and boots than you can find in the average Woolworth store....

"I've flown several combat missions and so far haven't suffered any mishap. Had the hell scared out of me a few times but that doesn't count (it says in small print!) Right now a big desk piled with work would look absolutely beautiful to me."

RED CROSS DRIVE OPENS IN REA; LEADERS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

The 1945 Red Cross campaign has officially begun in REA. Canvassers made the rounds on March 1, opening day, and before REAers went home that afternoon, many of them were already wearing the little flag emblem to signify that they had helped to "keep the Red Cross at his side."

Committee chairman Fred Trimble and co-chairman George Gilleland are confident that the drive to raise funds in REA will result in a complete success. They have the following divisional representatives to help them put the drive over the top:

Office of Administrator
Applications and Loans Division
Cooperative's Operations Division
Design and Construction Division
Finance Division
Information Division
Management Division
Personnel Division
Technical Standards Division
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Reba P. Eberts
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Lois Williams
George T. Gilliland
Marcia E. Hoverson
Jennie R. Stanek
Mae M. Bowles
Joseph P. Schaefer
Emily A. Wetjen

ED KNIGHT LAUDS REA'S POLICY OF PROMOTION IN ABSENTIA

Christmas, 1944, was rather a bleak holiday for Ed Knight, F.C. 2/c in the Navy. He spent it aboard an LST somewhere in the central Pacific. But when he got back to port, a flock of Christmas gifts and letters were waiting to cheer him up.

One of the letters, in particular, was welcome. It informed him that he had received a grade promotion at his REA job.

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<p>REA's Sixth Gold Star</p> <p>LT. BILLY DOVE</p> <p>Killed in Performance of Duty</p>	<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>CURRENT SERIAL RECORD</p> <p>FEB 5 1946</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p>
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COLUMN WRITE!

Clem Hawkins has a monetary motto that he wrote after he found that British pennies are as big as American half-dollars. The motto: "One whose pocket is heavy is not necessarily rich." . . . Sid Gutman has returned from overseas and is now attending the OCS Quartermaster School at Camp Lee. . . . Pfc. Joe Bray spent several hours in St. Louis the other day, en-route to Springfield, Mo. Friends report that Joe's army life at Fort McPherson, Ga., has added ten pounds to his frame. Joe's southern drawl is even more pronounced, now that he's given it free rein down in Gawja. . . . Ham Treadway (see story elsewhere this issue) heard that REA crony, Gene Meyers, was aboard an AS-25 anchored 75 yards away. He hurried over, they had dinner together and spent a pleasant two hours re-hashing technical notes. . . . Nick Martinez, transport airman stationed at the Olathe, Kansas, Naval Air Station, plowed through to the semi-finals in the 20th annual YMCA Handball Tournament held in St. Louis late in February. . . . Capt. Andy Nemshick, former REAer, flies a P-47 over Germany. He's also done some ground work over the same territory. Andy has been to Paris several times. . . . After over four years in the States, Cpl. Ray Gallagher has pulled up stakes and gone overseas. "I'm doing typing and filing here, just as I used to do for Agnes Harnett in REA in Washington", Ray writes. . . . SK-3/c Fred Rinaca has left the ranks of landlubbers and is now a full-fledged sea-going sailor "judging from the weather we recently came through". . . By now, Sgt. John Fitzgerald is in Manila. He's just recovered from a short stay in the hospital. . . . Ens. George Scherrer has four brothers in service, three Army, one Navy. Right now, George is digging out of a deep New England snowstorm up in Winthrop, Mass. . . . Joe Davis is a Master Sergeant now. His promotion came almost at the same time that Cpl. Paul Carroll, another Financier, dropped in to see Joe in Holland. Joe has been transferred to Belgium since then. . . . Lt. Howard Hembree writes that his Dutch friends on Curacao would be interested in an REA program. . . . Marine Cpl. Charles J. O'Shaughnessy, Jack O'Shaughnessy's son, has received a personal commendation from the C.O. of the Fourth Marine Division "for meritorious achievement during the Saipan invasion, June, 1944." Tech Sgt. Earl Mart has received the air medal, two bronze

stars on the ETO ribbon, and the presidential citation. . . . Lt. Warner Smith often finds himself writing memos to himself. It's because he handles so many different jobs on his Pacific "rock". . . .

HERE TO THERE DEPARTMENT: Major Robert E. Larson to Camp Gruber; 1st Lt. Darrell Johnson to APO 72, San Francisco; S/Sgt. Ray Rex to Camp Claiborne; Cpl. Theodore A. Baroody to APO 11346, Seattle.

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"It gives me a wonderful feeling," says Ed, "to have benefited from REA's policy to promote military furlonghees. It's not the monetary gain so much as it is the feeling that you're not forgotten. It's another way of telling us out here that you folks back home are backing us up 100%."

PATRICK CELEBRATES 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OVERSEAS SERVICE

Three years of overseas service is the record that Capt. Dick Patrick chalked up in the Philippines last month.

Recent issues of the ROLL CALL make Dick realize that there are many names he does not recognize "but there also seems to be quite a few who were trainees with me back in July, 1940. That helps to keep me feeling that I am a part of REA.

"Knowing the increase that is bound to come in rural electrification after the war, I am glad to know that that is the work to which I will return."

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Married: Harriet Miner, Ylc, to Ralph Heller, U.S.N.R.

GOING UP

Master Sgt. Joseph W. Davis
Nick Martinez, Sp. (V) 2c
Lt. Harry Thiesfeld
Major Roy G. Zook